

NILES THEATER FINED ON OBSCENITY CHARGE

By BRANDON BROWN
Staff Writer

The Niles obscene film case against a Chicago theater corporation ended Monday in Berrien circuit court with a corporate plea of guilty, a \$550 fine and costs, and a promise not to err again.

Acting for the corporation, 31 Theater, Inc., of Chicago, Atty. William Sharp pleaded guilty before Judge Chester J. Byrns to a circuit court misdemeanor charge of possessing and showing to a person under 18 an obscene film, "Vixen," on May 1 in a corporation-owned outdoor theater in Niles.

The corporation's counsel, St. Joseph Atty. S. Jack Keller, read a prepared statement in which the corporation said it regretted the incident, will take "corrective measures" to enforce a policy on attendance, and will consider community standards in selecting films for future showing here.

Berrien Prosecutor Ronald Taylor indicated he was satisfied the corporation is acting in good faith, and Judge Byrns commended it for its responsible attitude in ending a case that "could have dragged on for years."

He referred to possible appeals all the way up to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Atty. Sharp paid a \$500 fine—the maximum by law is \$1,000—and \$50 costs, a figure based on an estimate by Prosecutor Taylor.

Acting for the corporation, Sharp also stood mute and received an innocent plea to a related circuit court misdemeanor charge of showing "Vixen" to a general audience on the same day, May 1. It likely will be dismissed, Prosecutor Taylor said.

Court action Monday followed citizen complaints and police seizure May 1 of "Vixen" at Niles 31 outdoor theater, which is owned by 31 Theater, Inc., of Chicago.

Two employees, Manager James Bowers of Dowagiac and Projectionist Electus Slater of Niles, still face charges of showing a lewd film to those under 18 years old, and contributing to the delinquency of minors. The lewd film charge is a circuit court misdemeanor and the contributing charge is a simple misdemeanor.

The corporation, Prosecutor Taylor said, has been told if films similar to Vixen are shown in the future, similar action by the prosecutor's office—presumably seizure and arrests—will result.

The "Vixen" film was to be returned to the corporation.



PAY FINE, COST: Berrien Deputy Clerk Gertrude Hingst writes a receipt for \$550 fine and cost paid Monday by Chicago Atty. William Sharp (center) after he pleaded guilty on behalf of 31 Theater, Inc., of Chicago, to charge of showing an obscene

film in Niles to a person under age 18. At left is Berrien Prosecutor Ronald Taylor and at right is 31 Theater's counsel, Atty. S. Jack Keller of St. Joseph. (Staff photo)

FIVE DEAD IN FIERY FLINT CRASH



FIVE KILLED: Five persons are known dead in a major crash near Flint Monday. In the accident were a double-trailer tanker truck which burst into

flames, two autos and an asphalt truck. (AP Wirephoto)

Gas Truck Turns Into An Inferno

Six-Block Area Forced To Evacuate

FLINT, Mich. (AP)—Five persons burned to death when a gasoline truck struck two cars and burst into flames at Flint Monday.

Their bodies were charred beyond recognition.

Two other persons were injured, including one man who witnesses said ran through sheets of flame after the truck overturned. All his clothing, except his shoes, were burned off.

A tire company 40 feet from the crash on Flint's far North-west Side was nearly destroyed and other businesses were damaged as firemen fought for nearly an hour to bring the blazing 11,000 gallons of gasoline under control.

Persons within a six-block radius were evacuated while unburned gasoline was flushed from the sewer system.

A westbound truck, with two big gasoline tankers, went through a red light at the busy intersection and struck a car, police said.

The truck then struck an east-bound vehicle, overturned and burst into flames.

VICTIMS IDENTIFIED

The victims were tentatively identified as Jack E. Kelley, 44, of Elsie, the truck driver; Mary K. Black, 22, of Flint, and her 2½-year-old son, Michael, who were in the southbound car, and Bruce F. Detman, 40, of Fenton, and Homer Anderson, 32, of Flint, who were in the east-bound car.

Charles P. Hoffman, an automotive safety expert from the National Safety Board, was scheduled to investigate the accident today.

Donald L. Plamondon, 22, of Flint, was reported in critical condition in Flint's Hurley Hospital. Sheriff's deputies said it was believed he was in the southbound car. Another person was reported treated and released.

'BALL OF FLAMES'

A witness said Mrs. Black "was a ball of flames. There was nothing we could do."

Another eyewitness said all (See back page, sec. 1, col. 6)

Deer Killed After Crash

A deer struck by a car last night had to be shot because both hind legs were broken, Berrien county sheriff's Deputy Tom McCall reported. The deer was struck on US 31-33 north of Fairland road, Berrien township, by a car driven by Jessie Mae Allen, 35, of Niles. The deer, shot by a Michigan state trooper, was released to the driver of the car.



TOUR DE FORCE: A miniskirted coed on her way to classes Monday at City College of New York catches the attention of a line of helmeted policemen on campus to keep order. The troubled campus was relatively quiet on first day of acting President Joseph Copeland's administration. He took over for Buell Gallagher, who resigned, and promised a "return to normal." (AP Wirephoto)

'Educate Young Sooner'

Polley Seeks Program For 3-Year-Olds

GRAND RAPIDS (AP)—The state superintendent of public instruction called Monday for an education program for three and four-year-old children to help cut deficiencies in schooling of the poor.

"At the present time society waits too long before it attempts to address itself to the educational needs of youngsters," said Dr. Ira Polley. "This delay is the more tragic insofar as underprivileged youngsters are concerned."

Polley made the comments in a speech prepared for delivery to the Statewide Conference on Compensatory Education.

"The educational deficiencies of the children locked in poverty and discrimination will not be dealt with successfully until there is a comprehensive program for three-year-old and four-year-old youngsters," he said.

BUDGET REQUEST

Last fall, Polley pointed out, the State Board of Education resubmitted a \$3 million budget request so that beginning programs could be provided for 20,000 four-year-old youngsters. "Unhappily," he said, "the evidence at the present time does not suggest that this request has an optimistic future, at least in the spring of 1969."

Provisions for such funds are not included in the state school aid bill currently being considered in the house.

Gov. William Milliken has, however, appointed a special committee to recommend changes in the state's education system and has said the group's suggestions would be considered during the fall legislative session.

Polley said it is estimated that 10-12 per cent of the elementary and secondary school children are economically deprived.

"The magnitude and complexity of the problems demand much more in money, personnel, commitment and understanding than are now being given," he said.

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Lakeshore Sticks To Decision On Bickford; Still No Reasons

The Lakeshore board of education last night stuck to its decision to not renew the contract of high school principal Raymond Bickford and continued to decline to make public the reasons.

About 250 persons, including many high school students, who turned out for the board meeting in the school cafeteria were left without an answer to the overwhelming question; why was Bickford let go?

During the long and stormy session, the board went into executive session with Bickford

and later emerged with a statement for the audience. Board secretary Gerald Howard read the statement:

"The board of education and Mr. Bickford meeting in joint session wish to make public the following statement. The board of education has proffered the reasons for Mr. Bickford's impending non-renewal of contract. Mr. Bickford accepted these reasons as satisfactory."

BICKFORD LEAVES

Bickford left the meeting soon afterward and was not available for comment.

The board announced it would advertise for a new high school principal for the 1969-70 school year.

Board president Ben Nye told the audience that up until last night the board had not given reasons for dismissing Bickford because he did not ask for any. Nye said the board would not make the reasons public because it did not want to injure Bickford's reputation and hinder his possibilities for another job.

Bickford today said there were no personal issues involved in the board's decision not to renew his contract. "Anything that came up in this meeting, I would not be ashamed to divulge but how much good it would do I do not know," Bickford said.

He said the board apparently was dissatisfied with his productivity. "They believe they can find a more capable leader for their high school. I guess this is what they are saying," Bickford said. "If they are not satisfied with the job I have done, then this is their prerogative."

"I couldn't help but feel that the expression made by the public proved that they were satisfied with the job I've done. I guess I have not been able to please the right people."

William Snyder, chairman of the tenure committee in the Benton Harbor school district, said he had met some time ago with acting superintendent William Galbreath who said he had recommended that Bickford be retained. Asked by Snyder to repeat the statement at the public meeting, Galbreath said he recommended the board keep Bickford but the board went against his recommendation. The statement drew a big ovation from the audience.

FIFTH SUPERINTENDENT

One citizen said the board recently hired its fifth superintendent since 1959 and now is

starting in on principals. What's wrong?, the citizen asked.

Nye replied that the people voted in the board members and asked if the people honestly believed the board would do anything detrimental to the education of students.

One woman said angrily "Because we elected you doesn't mean we have to wear blinders and follow everything you say."

Three petitions were read without comment or action by the board. One petition signed by 30 faculty members protested the board's failure to renew Bickford's contract. Another faculty petition with 33 signers was in support of Bickford. And a petition signed by 414 high school students, about two-thirds of the student body, also supported Bickford.

The Committee of Nine which has been involved in other school issues submitted four questions which the board ignored and went on to other questions from the audience.

BOARD QUESTIONED

William Marohn, committee chairman, said the committee is very concerned about the board's public relations. He asked these questions:

1. What is the status of Mr. Bickford's contract? What were the circumstances that led to the apparent termination of his position?

2. Why has there been so much uproar in the community about the Bickford case without any clarification or explanation from the school board?

3. What is the public relations and communication policy of the school board regarding (See back page, sec. 1, col. 8)

They're Proud Of Bud Queen

THREE OAKS—The River Valley board of education last night extended congratulations and best wishes to one of its school's choice seniors, Miss Carla Sherrill, who is reigning as 1969 Miss Blossomtime.

The board, in a formal resolution, expressed pride in Miss Sherrill, who entered the Miss Blossomtime contest as the representative from Three Oaks. The resolution states that Miss Sherrill will represent the district with distinction and honor.

ADC Dad Gets Break In Court

An ADC father got a break Monday in Berrien circuit court—a \$10 a week cut in his child support payments and a reserve in orders on an alleged support arrearage of \$643.

Daniel Palmer of Sodas, the father of four children of a prior marriage on Aid to Dependent Children grants, makes only a little more than his new \$20 a week child support order, said Berrien Friend of the Court John Schoenhals.

Judge Karl F. Zick cut it from \$30 weekly and held in reserve a ruling on payments on an arrearage noted by Schoenhals. The judge also found Palmer in contempt of court and placed him on six months' probation to Schoenhals with strict orders to pay the \$20.

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Editorial Page

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No One Knows All Facts About Pesticide DDT

The Chemical pesticide DDT has loomed large in the news the past several months, particularly in the Great Lakes states. It has its sponsors and its detractors. Pesticide manufacturers claim it's essential to feed the nation. But the Michigan Farm Bureau isn't worried about banning its use. So what's the truth?

Well, no one apparently knows completely. But here are what seems to be some of the facts—and some of the unknowns.

DDT — dichloro-diphenyl-trichloro-ethane — is credited with preventing a catastrophic outbreak of typhus in Europe immediately after World War II. It has helped to bring malaria under control through its lethal effect on the anopheles mosquito. As an eradicator of pests, DDT has no peer.

But there is another side to the DDT story, barely a quarter-century old. The chemical affects not only pests but also desirable insects and other forms of wildlife. It may even have deleterious effects on humans. For these reasons, it has been proposed that DDT be banned.

Sweden's National Poisons and Pesticides Board has outlawed use of DDT for two years beginning next Jan. 1. Arizona imposed a one-year ban on DDT in mid-January and the Michigan Agricultural Commission imposed an indefinite ban in March after seizure of DDT-contaminated Coho salmon taken from Lake Michigan. Other states are considering similar action.

No fewer than three bills to ban sale, distribution or importation of DDT introduced by Sen. Gaylord Nelson (D. Wis.), Rep. Bertram L. Podell (D N.Y.) and Rep. Joseph E. Karth (D Minn.) — have been introduced in the 91st Congress.

Concern for preservation of wildlife explains part of the controversy over DDT. Birds, especially predatory species, are thought to be peculiarly vulnerable to the pesticide. Eagles, hawks and falcons have a higher than usual concentration of DDT in their bodies because they represent the last link in the food chain. It has been observed that many species of predatory birds lately have been laying thin-shelled eggs which do not hatch.

The effects of DDT on human life are less well known but are assumed to be harmful in some degree. Researchers have found that DDT, even in small amounts, activates certain liver enzymes in rats, rabbits, and some birds, and thereby impairs the ability to reproduce. It is possible that human enzymes are similarly affected.

Dr. Charles F. Wurster, a leading opponent of DDT, has listed four disturbing characteristics of DDT: (1) Toxicity to almost all animal life; (2) persistence, so that it remains in its original toxic form for at least a decade and perhaps much longer; (3) mobility, so that it is carried about the earth by currents of water and air; (4) solubility properties that cause it to be absorbed and accumulated by living organisms.

Dr. Goran Lofroth, a Swedish toxicologist, recently warned that breast-fed infants throughout the world were ingesting twice the amount of DDT compounds recommended by the World Health Organization as a maximum daily intake. But since the effects of DDT on man are only partially understood, the WHO standards necessarily are based on guesswork.

The DDT controversy is part of the larger debate on ecology, which has to do with the competing needs of man and of the other organisms sharing his environment. Dr. Thomas H. Jukes, a biochemist at the University of California at Berkeley, has taken the currently unfashionable position of defending DDT. "I am . . . sure that DDT is present in my fatty tissue, and I am not worried," he recently wrote. "I prefer this to malaria parasites or encephalitis viruses entering my bloodstream from mosquito bites."

Ways To Stop A Thief

Despite highly publicized campaigns to cut the automobile theft rate, it has soared to double the number of robberies in 1960.

Last year the total reached 815,000 in the U.S., nearly one of every 100 registered vehicles. Police and insurance company reports indicate that professional thieves have little trouble in "converting" a stolen vehicle into a seemingly legitimate one, ready for sale.

Frequently police cannot quickly tell whether a car is stolen. Thieves draw up false bills of sale.

There is some hope for help in such mechanical devices as a new lock system that makes cars harder to steal. The ignition key has been moved to the steering column in some 1969 models (some 1925 models had this feature), and when the key is removed, the ignition, steering wheel and transmission are all locked.

Nevertheless, the vast majority of thefts are of unlocked cars and in nearly half the cases the keys are left in the ignition.

Motorists can stop most of these thefts by merely locking their cars and taking the keys.

Turning Worm

Don Quixote discovered the worm will turn. Man, whether revengeful or philosophically patient, has made much of this, but for years there was little scientific foundation for this sort of mystical optimism.

The worm turns with the moon, some biologists say. To the left at certain phases; to the right at others. A more dependable influence could not be imagined, for lunar magnetism has been affecting tides, poets and the romantically inclined for a long time without showing signs of slackening.

Other scientists want to know what makes a simple little creature like a worm respond to the moon's magnetism. Knowing that, they figure, will give them a clue to man's behavior not only on earth, but off in space.

There's just no end to problems these days for biologists and just about everybody else.

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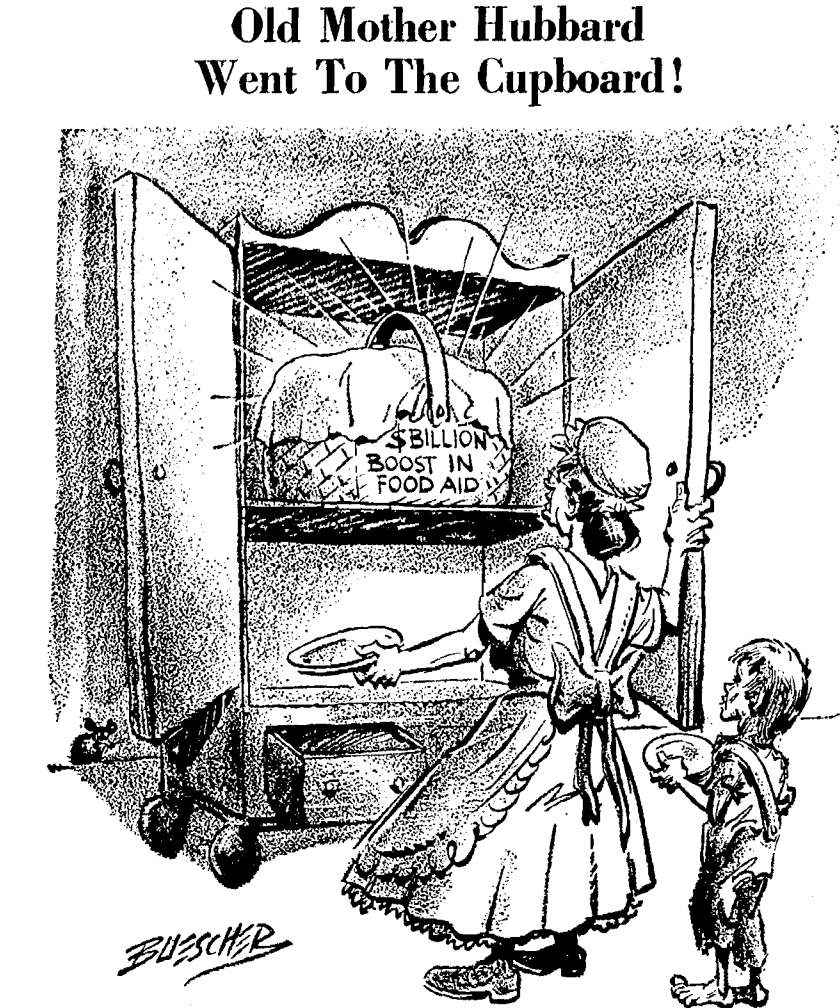
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GLANCING BACKWARDS

GRAND MERE MEETING SET
—1 Year Ago—
Annual membership meeting of the Grand Mere association will be Friday at the Stadler-Hilton. Edward M. Brigham, chairman of the board of Kingman Museum of Natural History, Battle Creek, will be the main speaker.

He will show a film, "Visiting Michigan's Audubon Sanctuaries and Preserves," and emphasize the need for providing parks for the future.

A film from the Kalamazoo Nature Center will also be shown. Entitled "How We See Things," the film highlights the nature center concept.

"Y" CELEBRATES 50TH ANNIVERSARY
—10 Years Ago—
It was the golden anniversary of the YMCA and there were nuggets of golden wisdom in the words of Miss Lilace Reid Barnes, national president of the YWCA, as she spoke to a crowd of more than 150 persons last night at the YWCA 50th anniversary last night. The appearance of Miss Barnes, now in her fourth year as national YWCA president and for eight years president of the World YWCA was one of the highlights in the history of the St. Joseph "Y," a charter member of Twin Cities Community Chest.

More than 150 persons joined in voicing a dedication of the YWCA's new building. The dedication was read by Mrs. Louis C. Upton, YWCA president between 1931-32 and again from 1943-45. Mrs. Charles Goodsell, executive director, gave the annual report and Mrs. Patrick Ryan, board president,

presided at the business meeting.

JAPS PERIL CHUNGKING
—25 Years Ago—
Japan's large scale offensive in China, turning ominously in the direction of Chungking, dwarfed all other operations in the Asiatic-Pacific theater today. Loyal, some 500 airline miles northeast of the wartime capital, was besieged from three sides. The Japanese cut the Lunghai railroad 48 miles east of Loyal, blocking a main retreat route for thousands of Chinese defending the city.

Another enemy force was within five miles of the north Honan rail junction, which is a

getaway toward the mountain passes thru which Chungking can be reached. A third force striking from the east was about 15 miles away.

WINS PRIZE
—35 Years Ago—
The Remington-Rand company's float won the sweepstakes in the Blossom parade, repeating its last year's triumph. A record crowd of some 150,000 people witnessed the annual parade.

ACCEPT POSITIONS
—45 Years Ago—
Miss Anna Dumdei of Broad street and Mrs. Glenn Swan of Court street have accepted positions in the McAlister Wallace store.

EDITOR'S MAILBAG

Editor,
The Herald-Press:

RECALLS HARD TIMES DURING DEPRESSION

It is quite amusing to hear the remarks relative to the old days when "relief" was the order of the times. There are many "snooty" people now living high on the hog who were once involved in the relief program (the receiver's end) and who resent being reminded of the fact.

Those who had plenty gave as little as possible and those who had nothing got as little as possible. To be on relief was no disgrace because there were very few who were not included in this maelstrom of misery.

Relief recipients were as common as postage stamps. There was an instant or two of ironical humor associated with these times.

When the grocery trucks came to the poor man's door it was full of everything the recipient didn't want, and void of items that he needed. Families would go through the month with gnawing bellies and after the truck left the feast was on. Famine for three weeks and the fourth week was a gorging event. Jig-saw and crossword puzzles were at a premium. Playing cards like cigarettes were hard to find. The gutters were empty of "butts" which when found sold for as high as a dime — if one had a dime.

Cigarette lines formed in all directions where more than one hundred addicts waited with tired, crying kids to purchase a single pack of cheap smokes.

Social security was not heard of. The writer could tell some wild tales about those years when it was relatively simple to get relief if one just signed a "pauper's oath" which made him or her one of the national clan. Were I to itemize the "vitals" passed off on the reliefers at these monthly truck stops the readers would have immediate heartburn.

Those were rough times but, then came social security. Everybody had to dig down. As we eased our way out of the depression on a new wrinkle evolved to supplant relief.

Uncle Sam got interested and up popped a new name. Health, Education and Welfare. If we scratch off the first two names we have Welfare, and, believe it or not the same rule applies. Relief and welfare (twins under the skin) and both apply to the destitute or poverty-stricken or ill and aged, etc.

Now, according to the collegiate Thesaurus we find that every state, county, city, village, college, university, public institution not counting big business, transportation, commerce, industry, charity organization are down and out. All on welfare, all digging at Uncle Sam for funds, getting billions under the name of "subsidy". In other words, Washington is supporting the people in all walks of life, instead of the people supporting their government which they should do.

With all this subsidy (big time welfare) plus welfare (small time subsidy) the whiskered gent is scraping the bottom of the barrel to make both ends meet.

How odd, but how true.

WILLIAM A. RODGERS
Bridgman

RUTH RAMSEY Today's Grab Bag

THE ANSWER QUICK!

1. Who was the first signer of the Constitution?
2. Where does our sense of balance come from?
3. What is the largest city in New England?
4. Who was the Julian calendar named after?
5. What is anthropobia?

BORN TODAY

Sir Arthur Sullivan — he was the writing half of the Gilbert and Sullivan team.

Sullivan, the son of an Irish blacksmith at Royal Military College, Sandhurst, was born in Lambeth in 1842. He was brought up to music from boyhood and he had learned to play every wind instrument in his father's band by the age of eight. He also had a fine treble voice.

After two years' hard study at Leipzig, he returned to London in 1861. His personality, genius and brilliant promise won him many friends. Among his early works were "Tempest," "Kenilworth," and five songs from Shakespeare.

He is best known, however, for his collaboration with W.S. Gilbert on the Gilbert and Sullivan operas. In 1872, they collaborated in a piece for the Gaiety theater, called "The Gods Grown Old," and it was an instant success.

In 1875, R.D'Oyly Carte of the Royalty suggested to Gil-

bert that he join Sullivan to produce an operetta for the theater. Three weeks after the libretto was completed, the music was written for "Trial by Jury" and it succeeded beyond all expectation.

"The Sorcerer" followed and, in 1878, "H.M.S. Pinafore" was brought out at the Opera Comique and ran for 700 nights. In America it was enthusiastically received and pirated right and left. The authors went over to the U.S. in 1879 to produce it themselves in New York.

The list is long — "The Pirates of Penzance," "Iolanthe," "The Mikado," "Ruddigore," "The Yeoman of the Guard," and "The Gondoliers." Disagreements arose between Gilbert and Sullivan and they dissolved their partnership. They resumed their collaboration in 1893 with "Utopia, Limited" and with "The Grand Duke" but it was not as successful as before.

Sullivan was also an accomplished organist and composer of sacred music and serious opera. His songs "The Last Chord" and "Onward, Christian Soldiers" are widely-known.

Others born today include Joe Louis, Pope Pius IX.

IT'S BEEN SAID

Instruction enlarges the natural powers of the mind.—Horace.

HOW'D YOU MAKE OUT?

1. George Washington.
2. From the motion of fluid in a system of canals and tiny sacs in the inner ear.
3. Boston.
4. Julius Caesar.
5. Fear of society.

DR. COLEMAN .. And Speaking Of Your Health

Children and even adults occasionally swallow a toxic or poisonous substance. It is surprising that such avoidable accidents still occur despite the most intensive safety campaigns by public health officials.

It is obvious that no book or medical column can possibly offer all the antidotes for all the poisons that are kept within the so-called safety of the home. The ideal antidote for everything is complete prevention by regular, sensible inspection of the danger areas of the house. All pesticides, insecticides, cleaning fluids, detergents, furniture polishes and paint removers must be kept in their original containers far beyond the reaching hands of the curious child. Never should any of these fluids be poured into soft drink or milk bottles that represent common household treats to the youngster.

All large cities have a poison control center where immediate information can be obtained for the treatment of any poisoning. They can only be helpful if the ingredients are known from an intact label. Areas far distance from these centers can get the same information and the telephone number should be clearly and distinctly listed.

Immediate emergency treatment for most poisons is to induce vomiting. This can be done by tickling the back of the throat with a finger or with a blunt, unbreakable wooden or plastic stick. Eggs and milk are beneficial antidotes for poisoning. A tablespoonful of baking soda, mixed in a glass of warm water, swallowed and followed by large quantities of plain

warm water can dilute the poison in the stomach. These are temporary measures to be used only if one's doctor or the poison control center is not immediately available.

Many women past the age of 35 seem to be concerned that a pregnancy at this time is more dangerous than when they were younger. Unexpressed anxiety about this has been responsible for having a smaller family when a larger one might have been wanted.

When the general health is good, there should be no particular concern that a pregnancy at this age will be unusual or that the child will not be perfectly healthy. Every woman can learn by consultation with a gynecologist or family physician if there is any unusual risk for a first or subsequent pregnancy.

Modern medical care, especially when it is given as soon as pregnancy is established, and the safety of anesthesia reduce the risk of childbirth at this productive period in a woman's life.

A sty or hordeolum is a tiny abscess in one of the glands of the eyelid. Almost always some bacteria find their way into these glands at the base of the eyelash. Applications of warm wet dressings may make a sty "come to a head" or disappear. Antibiotics applied directly to them should be done only with a doctor's permission.

SPEAKING OF YOUR HEALTH: Lozenges that contain antibiotics are often responsible for fungus infections of the mouth.

Dr. Coleman welcomes letters from readers, and, while he cannot undertake to answer each one, he will use questions in his column whenever possible and when they are of general interest. Address your letters to Dr. Coleman in care of this newspaper.

JAY BECKER Contract Bridge

West dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH
▲K963
♥853
♦KQ10
▲A92

WEST
♥7
▲AKQJ10
♦852
▲Q754

EAST
▲A54
♥962
♦9643
▲1063

SOUTH
▲QJ1082
♥74
♦A7J
▲KJ8

The bidding:

West	North	East	South
1♥	Pass	Pass	1♠
Pass	3♠	Pass	4♠

club loser to make the contract. The normal way of playing the North-South club combination would be to lead a low club to the ace and return a club to the jack.

Had he done this, South would have gone down one. But he realized that this method of play would surely fail, so he therefore invoked the backward finesse as his only hope of making the contract.

After drawing two more rounds of trumps and cashing two more diamonds, ending in his hand, South led the jack of clubs. West covered with the queen — it would have done him no good to duck — and dummy won with the ace. When East followed low on the club return, South finessed the eight. He thus avoided a club loser and made the contract.

Both the bidding and play indicated that this unnatural treatment of the clubs was correct. West was practically certain to have the queen of clubs for his opening bid, and this was furthermore confirmed by East's pass of one heart.

The possibility of West's having been dealt the doubleton queen of clubs (in which case cashing the A-K would catch the queen) was eliminated after East had shown up with three spades, three hearts and three diamonds — thus proving that he could not have been dealt five clubs.

The backward finesse therefore offered the only chance of making the contract.

BENNET CERF Try And Stop Me

Grandma put two apples on the table when Stanley and his little sister came calling. One apple was large and bright red, the other withered and wormy. "Now, my loves," said Grandma, "I want to see which of you has the better manners." "She does," said Stanley—grabbing the bigger apple.

Juan Peron, once all-powerful military dictator in Argentina, now living in exile in Madrid, thinks the U.S.A. is making a gigantic mistake in South America: trying to buy support instead of winning it by deeds and cooperative understanding of local problems.

Peron emphasizes his point with a story of an unbending, tough general in Napoleonic army who once was challenged by a lovely young lady of the Court. "Tell me, how does a haughty, humorless person like you make love?" The general cut her down with a gruff, "Young woman, I do not have to MAKE love. It is delivered to me ready made."

A down-and-out actor, who owed money to everybody he knew, sidled up to a wealthy broker outside the Knickerbocker Club and whined, "My wife was taken to the hospital today. Won't you loan me fifty dollars



to tide me over this emergency?" "You might change your approach," rasped the broker. "This is the third time you pulled this story on me. But here's twenty-five dollars anyhow. Let's BOTHI make twenty-five this time!"

Factographs

Shinto, the native religion of Japan, is a combination of ancestors and nature worship.

Sir Alexander Fleming, British, named the powerful antiseptic, penicillin.

Minister is an official title, both civil and ecclesiastical.

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News

BH SCHOOLS ASKING 5.5 MILL TAX ON JUNE 9

Decision On Sidewalks Is Reversed

SJ Commission Restores Program In 3 To 2 Vote

Residents of Evergreen drive, who last week were told by the St. Joseph city commission that they would not have to install sidewalks, will now have to proceed with their installation. By a three-two vote at their regular meeting last night the commission approved a resolution introduced by Commissioner C.A. Tobias to reverse last week's decision and restore Evergreen drive to the sidewalk program. Dissenters were Commissioners Warren Gast and Richard Globensky.

The action came after Russell Davis, 310 Windwood, St. Joseph, a member of the sidewalk commission, asked the city commissioners to return to the policy established earlier. "It's not fair for me," he said, "to have a sidewalk and not for others." He added that the sidewalk program is for the benefit of the community as a whole.

DRAWS SUPPORT
Davis's remarks drew support from other residents in attendance. Ted Bestervelt, 421 Briar court, asked to go on record last night as he had a year ago favoring the execution of a sidewalk program "without vacillation."

Mrs. Edward Bagatini, 2908 Veronica, said that even after receiving her \$700 bill for a sidewalk installed in front of her house, she still thought that if there were no firm policy, there would be only indecision. Harry Piehl, 2500 Veronica, expressed the opinion that the commissioners had let down their constituents. He described attempts by his neighbors to petition the city commission to stop the installation of sidewalks on their street—but to no avail. He wanted to know why the exception in the case of Evergreen drive.

MAYOR COMMENTS
Mayor W.H. (Duke) Ehrenberg said in reply that it was not his understanding last week that Evergreen drive was to be removed entirely from the program. But he felt that it and similar streets should be given a lower priority than such busy streets as Cleveland avenue and Lakeshore drive. Eventually, he said, every street will have sidewalks.

Davis explained that the sidewalks commission had decided on the zone plan to reduce costs. The plan allowed the contractor to move his equipment into a given area, complete the sidewalks there and move on. In his opinion, no exceptions were planned.

GLOBENSKY SPEAKS
Commissioner Globensky, who last week sponsored the resolution excluding Evergreen drive, said that as a result of an earlier meeting with the sidewalk commission, he had come to believe that it was up to the commissioners to rule on specifics of the general policy worked out by the sidewalk commission. "The overall policy is fine," he said. "But the commission is in a position to say if something doesn't fit."

Commissioner Tobias stated that a good city should have paved streets and sidewalks in all areas. He added that sidewalks were planned for when the residential areas were built, and every owner moved in, knowing that he would eventually have to pay for their installation.

BUDGET APPROVED
In a unanimous move and without comment the commissioners adopted a budget for the 1969-70 fiscal year. The \$2,084,297 record budget represents a \$112,500 increase over 1968-69. About \$97,000 of the increase is accounted for by wage boosts for city employees.

The commissioners also approved the first reading of an appropriation ordinance, which when given final approval will make it legal for the city to levy taxes. By the proposed ordinance, St. Joseph taxpayers will receive a cut of 40 cents per thousand dollars of equalized valuation from last summer's city tax rate of \$18.10.

OTHER BUSINESS
Last night the commission authorized a 33.3 percent cut in water rates for residential users during June, July and August to encourage the sprinkling of lawns.
• Approved renewal of a Whirlpool lease for use of

St. Joe To Vote On 15-Mill School Levy



WILLIAM NAYLOR



JACK F. B. PARK

Five Are Vying For BH Board

Two Incumbents Seeking New 4-Year Terms

Five candidates will be on the ballot for two seats on the Benton Harbor board of education in the June 9 election.

Three persons qualified by filing nominating papers yesterday before the 4 p.m. deadline — Mrs. Harold Fox, Sodus; Jack F.B. Park, North Shore drive, and William Naylor, Fairplain.

Incumbents Donald Boerma and Ernest Whiteside filed earlier. Mrs. Fox announced her candidacy last week.

SEEKING NEW FOUR-YEAR TERMS

Naylor, 372 East Napier avenue, is assistant treasurer of Whirlpool Corp. He has been a resident of the Twin City area for nine years. And is a member of the citizens advisory committee of the school district.

Naylor said he is concerned "about what is happening nationally at our colleges. I'm concerned about what is happening locally at our schools both socially and economically. I know of no better way to try to make some little contribution other than to become involved."

He is the father of six children, three of whom are Benton Harbor high school graduates. Two others are in Fairplain junior high and another is a preschooler.

Naylor attended Southern Methodist and Texas Christian

BH Girl, 13, Missing Since Friday

Joyce Turner, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cohn of 421 Washington street, Benton Harbor, has been missing from her home since Friday evening, according to a report made to Benton Harbor police by the mother.

The girl, a seventh grade student at Benton Harbor junior high school, was wearing checkered bell bottom pants when she left home Friday evening to spend the night at the home of a girl friend, Mrs. Cohn reported.

The mother asked anyone having information about the girl's whereabouts to notify her or the police department.

Committee Asks Citizens To Attend

The Model Cities Social Welfare and Health Committee urges all concerned citizens within the Model Cities area of Benton Harbor and Benton township to attend its meeting at the Blossom Acres Community Center Wednesday, May 14, at 8 p.m. The committee, headed by Mrs. Annabelle Bankston, wishes to inform residents of its work.

Extension Of Tax Now In Effect

More Money Will Be Needed

A 15-mill operating tax for five years, an extension of the present school levy, was put on the June 9 school election ballot by the St. Joseph board of education last night.

The board met in the library of Milton junior high school, Niles avenue.

The 15-mill request will be voted on next month but will not take effect until 1971 when the present 15-mill operating tax runs out.

One of the most important factors in the election, however, said Dr. Dean K. Ray, board president and Supt. Richard Ziehmer is that additional taxes, over the 15 mills, will be needed during the life of the issue. Ziehmer said no one can forecast how much money will be needed that far in advance.

The citizens advisory council had recommended the board submit the operating tax proposal a full year before it would be levied to permit more efficient planning.

Ziehmer said 54 per cent of 936 survey sheets distributed last Monday and returned indicated residents prefer longer term financing.

Ziehmer said too "a survey is a survey and not an election" and this should be taken into consideration. Board members voted unanimously to put the proposal on the ballot, hoping as Dr. Ray said to avoid the "annual agony" of raising what the board feels are adequate funds.

PUBLIC MEETINGS

Six public meetings, one each at each elementary school were set up, at which time the proposal will be outlined. The meetings, to start at 8 p.m. will be held as follows: May 20 at Brown school; May 21 at North Lincoln; May 22 at Washington; May 26 at Clarke; May 27 at Lincoln and May 28 at Jefferson.

The debate on the millage issue highlighted the session but the board was busy on other items as well.

Assistant Supt. Doyle Anderson recommended 11 1/5 teachers be hired to cover projected enrollment increases. Four and a fifth teachers would be assigned to St. Joseph high school, 5 1/5 would go to Upton and Milton junior high schools and 1 4/5 teachers to the grade schools. (The one fifth classification covers time teachers would spend on various subjects.)

A group of parents representing the Band and Orchestra Parents club, who earlier requested additional instrumental music teachers, appeared satisfied with the recommendation by Anderson.

The board authorized Business Manager Dennis Percy to seek \$245,300 in advance state aid or in the event that is not coming to borrow up to \$306,000 against 1969-70 state aid. The money would be used to tide the district through the summer.

St. Joseph schools received notice its fleet of buses are defect-free. Only 95 of the state's 653 districts received such a commendation from state police inspection, Ziehmer said.

Dr. Dean K. Ray, president, and Wendell Voss, former chairman of the citizens advisory council, are the only nominees for two four-year terms on the St. Joseph school board.

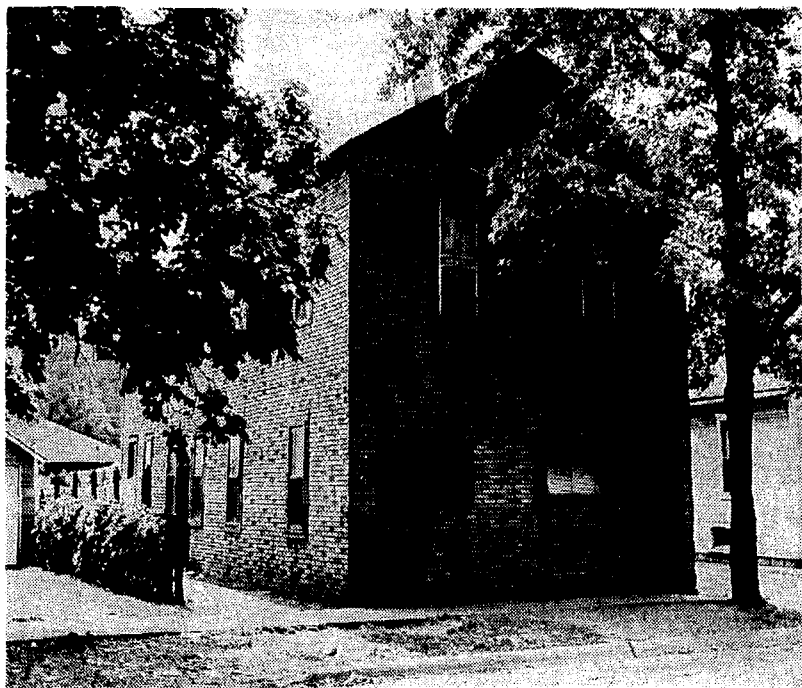
Dr. Ray said at last night's school board meeting after it was announced there were no contests for board seats: "I feel a degree of disappointment that there aren't more people sufficiently interested in the education program of our school to seek representation on this board."

Dr. Ray will be seeking his third full term. Voss will be filling the seat given up by Collins Gillespie, who ends 16 years on the board this spring. Dr. Ray is a physician. Voss is an engineer at Laboratory Equipment Co.

CITES GILLESPIE

Dr. Ray said at the close of the meeting: "after 16 years of dedication to the St. Joseph school system we owe him (Gillespie) a tremendous debt of gratitude."

He cited Gillespie's knowledge of the people in the St. Joseph school district and officials in other districts. Gillespie has been active in the county and



CENTER OF DISPUTE: House at 170 Kline avenue owned by Benton Harbor City Commissioner is under attack for substandard conditions by Harold Hansen, president of the West Central Neighborhood organization. Sheeley contends Hansen was trespassing when he entered house to look it over. Hansen said he was invited in by an occupant. House contains two apartments. It is an old store building. (Staff photo)

City Dad's Building Center Of Dispute

Civic Improver Irks Landlord Sheeley

A report before the Benton Harbor city commission last night on a house at 170 Kline avenue sparked an argument between the owner, Commissioner Rex Sheeley, and Harold Hansen, president of the West Central Neighborhood organization (WCNO.)

The dispute followed a report given by Fire Chief Ralph Hetherington, who reported the owner of the house had been given a two weeks delay to make corrections on the house, before the house would be re-inspected.

Hansen said he had also made an "inspection," and detailed an outline of unsightly conditions that needed to be corrected, when Commissioner Sheeley turned to the city attorney for advice.

"Just who can make an inspection?" he asked. The housing and fire inspection teams, Atty. Samuel Henderson replied.

"Then he could be considered trespassing," Sheeley said. Hansen replied he doubted he was trespassing, since the occupant of the house had invited him in, had asked him to sit down at the table and allowed him to look through the house.

CHARGE FOLLOWS

What followed was an accusation by Commissioner Sheeley that Hansen had been harassing him, threatening him and bothering him for the past year.

Hansen asked the commissioner to repeat that. "Well, maybe not you," Sheeley said, "but some member of your organization."

The WCNO was organized

about two years ago to seek block improvement in the Benton Harbor area bounded by Britain avenue, Pinestone street, Empire and Colfax avenues. Most recently, it has been concentrating on Sheeley's house.

Bringing the house up to standard would entail considerable expense, Hansen said, reporting on the findings of his "inspection." When asked, fire Chief Hetherington agreed the house could only be improved in two weeks; it could not be brought up to standard in that length of time.

EIGHTEEN INSPECTIONS

Sheeley said the house has been inspected 18 times since he purchased it. The house is a converted store building rented as two apartments.

In other business last night, Atty. Henderson said inspection department records were not public, in his opinion. Names of property owners violating the junk car ordinance also were not public information, he said.

Release of such information would be singling out the individual as a violator of the ordinances before he appeared in court, Henderson said. After court appearance, the information, of course, is public record.



COMMISSIONER SHEELEY

RULING REQUESTED

Hansen had asked in a previous meeting if inspection records were public and Henderson replied all city records were public except those where prosecution might be pending. Henderson was asked to make formal ruling.

The commission also: Approved the sale of 11,495 square feet of land south of the YMCA to the YMCA for \$9,198, following a public hearing on the sale of urban renewal land.

Approved the urban renewal purchase of \$2,336 worth of fixtures from Jean's Laundry, 188 Pipestone street.

Approved an ordinance change that amends commission procedure to eliminate a formal vote to waive rules every time an item not on the agenda is

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Operating Funds Said Needed

Two Other Tax Proposals Will Be On Ballot

A request for 5.5 mills in additional operating taxes will be presented to Benton Harbor school district voters on June 9, the board of education decided last night.

In voting unanimously to ask 5.5 mills for three years, the board followed the recommendation of Dr. Mark Lewis, superintendent, who declared it is realistic for the current tax climate. "Something we can and must sell."

Trustee Oliver Rector qualified his vote by saying he preferred a one-year levy, believing it would have a better chance of passing. Another year might bring a drastic change in tax structure because various state reforms are being considered.

Benton Harbor voters also face two other financial proposals in the election:

• Shall the debt levy of the former Martindale district be spread uniformly over the entire Benton Harbor district of which Martindale is now a part? This will amount to only about one-tenth of one mill when spread over the district at-large. But it means a lot to Martindale residents who last year paid an extra 5.7564 mills.

• A countrywide proposition calls for a 1.85-mill tax to establish two vocational technical centers. Another proposal on the county ballot calls for a \$5.72 million bond issue for sites and buildings. The bonds are to be amortized by the 1.85-mill tax. Both questions must pass by simple majority in the county to establish the centers.

The board voted 7-0 to endorse the vo-ed proposal.

Operating taxes of 27.10 mills (\$27 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation) were levied in the Benton Harbor district in 1968. Adoption of the 5.5 mills would make the rate \$32.60 per \$1,000 valuation.

The district also levied one mill for building and site, plus 1.1967 mills for debt not including Martindale.

Lewis said the tentative budget allocates the extra 5.5 mills in this split — 2.9 mills for salaries and 2.6 for educational and curriculum improvements. He described the package as meaning reasonable raises, and boosting reading, instructional equipment and maintenance.

Lewis said the millage proposal contains no funds for community education. Grants will be sought for this purpose.

UNDER CRITICISM

The district has been criticized for poor maintenance. Lewis said that putting \$400,000 a year into maintenance by no means exorbitant, but a \$1.52 million layoff is not realistic and a five-year program must be started to bring buildings up to par.

In other business: The board approved a new

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Sen. Hart Supports Vocational Training

U.S. Senator Philip Hart says he supports the concept of vocational-technical training — something Berrien county faces a decision upon in an election June 9.

The issue in the June 9 election is whether taxpayers will approve a 1.85 - mill property tax to build and operate two skill centers where youths and adults would take job training.

Hart visited Berrien county Saturday to tour the School for the Deaf at Berrien Springs which is operated under county-wide funding. He made the tour prior to speaking at a dinner in Dowagiac to honor Cass county's 11 servicemen killed in the Vietnam war.

Walter Wend of the Berrien Intermediate district accompanied Sen. Hart during his visit in Berrien and explained the vocational program that is proposed in the June 9 vote. Wend is director of special education for Berrien county.

In a signed statement later given to Wend, Sen. Hart said: "I am informed that the people of Berrien county will go

to the polls on June 9 to vote on the question of support for vocational-technical centers for high school youth.

"I want to publicly applaud the efforts of all citizens who have provided the opportunity for the people to speak on this issue and to lend my full support to a yes vote for this most vital program of preparation of youth for the world of work."

The Benton Harbor Kiwanis Club voted unanimously Monday to support the vocational-technical program. Club members took this action at their Holiday Inn luncheon following a talk by Dennis Donovan, assistant director of the Twin Cities Area Chamber of Commerce.

Donovan is a member of a committee composed of business leaders and educators who speak to various clubs and organizations telling about the Voc-Tech program which comes before Berrien's voters in an election June 9. At that time a decision will be made on levying a 1.85 mill property tax to build and operate two skill centers.



DR. DEAN K. RAY

WENDELL VOSS

state school board associations. "It will be many years before we find another board member who has made the contribution that Collins has made," Dr. Ray said.

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QUEENS BEGIN ANNUAL KEY TO CITIES TOUR

One New Veep For
LMC; Another QuitsDean Browe
Promoted
By CollegeKarlstrom Will
Move To New Job

Lake Michigan college last night lost one vice president and gained another.

Dr. Walter F. Browe, dean of students for the past two years, was appointed to a newly-created post of executive vice president, and S. Olof Karlstrom, vice president for development, submitted his resignation, effective at the close of the current school year.

Karlstrom, who came to LMC three years ago from a private law practice and an instructorship at the University of Michigan, will leave to take the position of vice president for administration and instruction reportedly at Flint Community College.

Several other personnel changes were reported to the board of trustees at its regular meeting last night, including the selection of Miss Lucy Mayer, practical nursing program director, to the new position of division chairman for para-medical sciences.

FOLLOWS STUDY
The new executive vice presidency is in accord with a recommended administrative structure outlined for LMC in a report from Fact Agency Educational Consultants of Ann Arbor. The trustees approved the Fact Agency recommendations in principle. In addition to executive vice president, the report calls for several other vice presidents but the board did not act there. It also calls for division chairmen in various instructional areas.

President James L. Lehman said Karlstrom's position, which has dealt heavily with the planning, financing and building of the new campus, will not be filled now. The development of

DR. WALTER BROWE
New Executive V.P.S. OLOF KARLSTROM
Resigns as V.P.MISS LUCY MAYER
Division Chairman

the college facilities have reached the point now, where the functions handled by Karlstrom can be parceled out to other administrators of the staff, he stated.

Duties of the new executive vice president will include responsibility for expansion of community services, federal and state funds, contract negotiations, publications and public relations, endowments and gifts. He also will substitute for the president in his absence.

According to Lehman, the salary for Vice President Browe has not been established yet. The appointment will be effective July 1.

MATERNITY LEAVE

Other personnel matters included granting a two-year maternity leave to Mrs. Bonnie Boldt, secretarial science instructor; accepting the resignation of Miss Sharon Clemen, English-German instructor, to study for a doctor's degree at Michigan State University; and accepting the resignation of Ernest B. Whitworth, art instructor, to study for a doctor's degree at Ohio State University.

Harry Konseuh, acting dean of instruction for the past year, was named dean of instruction. The title of head librarian was granted officially to William Hessel, who has served that function for a number of years.

The trustees last night received word of approval by the State Board of Nursing of a registered nurses program to be started at LMC next fall. This was a change from several weeks ago when the state board told LMC to do some "regional planning" with Southwestern Michigan college relative to starting a registered nurses program at one school or the other. Reportedly, the State Board of Nursing has not given its approval to a proposal from Southwestern Michigan college to conduct a similar registered nurses program there next year.

OTHER BUSINESS
In other actions last night, the trustees:

- Approved a contract with Niles Janitor Service to provide janitorial service at the old and new campuses next year for a price of \$54,384. It also authorized the administration to accept an offer of the firm to extend the agreement to three years, by added 2 1/2 percent to the price for the second year and 3 percent for the third year.

- Approved bids for a variety of maintenance equipment for the new campus from seven different firms for a total of \$10,381.

- Approved purchase of a new grounds tractor with front loader for the new campus from Louis Golder & Sons, Millburg. The price is \$1,600 plus trade-in for present tractor.

- Accepted \$1,055 worth of bids for journalism department equipment, from four firms.

FOR BEACHESWatervliet
Twp. Will
Raise Fees

WATERVLLET — The Watervliet township board last night voted to amend an ordinance to permit changing parking fees at Fairview beach operated by the township on Paw Paw Lake.

Township Supervisor Edward Carmody said that actual fee changes were not made last night. He added, however, that fees are expected to be raised soon from the present 50 cents per vehicle. The board also voted to install a dawn to dusk light at the beach.

In other business, the board decided to remove fencing on the township hall property to provide a neater appearance and make lawn cleaning easier. Carmody reported that building permits had been issued during the January-April period for construction work valued at an estimated \$234,000. Bills totaling \$1,724 were approved.

Oops, Sorry
About That!

THREE OAKS — Commencement exercises at River Valley high school will be held Tuesday, June 10, instead of Wednesday, June 11, as originally planned. Superintendent Harold Sausser announced.

Sausser said the change was made because commencement announcements and diplomas came back from the printers bearing the June 10 date. Sausser said the reason for the error is not known, although school officials may have inadvertently given the printer the wrong date.

Tax Vote
On Ballot
At Decatur

Total Request
Is 11 1/2 Mills;
Increase Of 3

DECATUR — Residents of the Decatur school district will be asked to approve a permissive tax levy of 11 1/2 mills for two years, including a renewal of 8 1/2 mills and an increase of three mills, at the annual election on June 9.

Supt. Wayne Hellenka said the request will be made on one proposal of 11 1/2 mills. He said the district has been operating with an 8 1/2-mill levy which expired with the collection of taxes last December. He said voters will be asked to renew the 8 1/2 mills plus an additional three mills for two years.

The superintendent said if the levy is approved, Decatur will still have the lowest tax levy for operating expenses in southwestern Michigan. He also said the Decatur board for the past eight years has requested millage levies for operating expenses only on alternate years.

The increase is needed to meet rising costs, the superintendent said.

Decatur this year had a total rate of 25.68 mills. This includes 8.68 mills allocated by the county, 6.5 mills for debt retirement, two mills for building and site, and the 8 1/2 mills for operating. If the proposal is approved the district for the next two years would have a total rate of 28.68 mills. Hellenka pointed out the levy would be permissive and the board would levy only as much of the rate as is needed.

DRAWINGS OKAYED

In other business, the board approved the final working drawings for the elementary addition and the shop addition. The board instructed architect Guido Binda to request bids for the work to be submitted by June 10. The addition at the elementary school will include six regular classrooms, two kindergarten rooms, all-purpose room, library and instructional materials storage area. The shop at the junior-senior high school will be enlarged.

One candidate is seeking election to the board on June 9. He is incumbent Max Howe, who filed nominating petitions for the position.

The board gave permission to Walter Wunderlin for the



CARRIAGE FOR BALL: Vito Capizzo (right) points to sign indicating that couples attending the Grand Floral Ball Saturday at Shadowland will get a lift from the parking lot to the ballroom. Transportation will be in two Volkswagen station wagons provided by Lawrence Scherer (left), president of Transworld Motors, Benton Harbor.

Winning Floats Will
Be Announced At Ball

Float winners in the Grand Floral Parade will be announced Saturday night at the Grand Floral Ball in Shadowland ballroom, St. Joseph, according to Blossomtime, Inc.

Revealing the winners at the ball represents a departure from previous years when the top floats were

announced about an hour after the parade when judges' selections had been compiled.

Music for the ball will be by Harry Diffenderfer's orchestra. Tickets at \$12.50 a couple can be obtained at Blossomtime headquarters, 777 Riverview drive, Benton Harbor. Dancing starts at 9 o'clock.

Vito Capizzo, general chairman of the ball, said shuttle service from the parking lot to Shadowland will again be provided by Volkswagen station wagons from Transworld Motors.

Ticket Chairman Ben Mammias said they will be driven by licensed chauffeurs.

Capizzo noted the station

science class trip to Chicago. Board members accepted the resignations of Mrs. Geraldine Newsum, English teacher, and Miss Lynn Tanabe, elementary teacher.

Supt. Hellenka announced bids for electrical work on the later elementary building are due next week.

Bills totaling \$7,114 were approved.



DR. DONALD DEMPSTER



ALFRED HAWKINS



RICHARD SHANLEY

Five Candidates Seek
South Haven Board Seats

SOUTH HAVEN — Three new candidates for the South Haven board of education filed petitions just prior to deadline yesterday afternoon. Thus a total of five candidates will be competing for two vacancies on the board.

Tossing their hats into the ring Monday were Dr. Donald Dempster, a local dentist; Alfred Hawkins, a Covert school teacher; and Richard Shanley, a local insurance agent. All are making their first attempt at public office.

Announcing candidacy last week were incumbent, Mrs. James Davis, who seeks her second four-year term in office; and Oscar Barnette, a retired plumber.

James Disette, the other incumbent, said he will not be seeking re-election.

Dr. Dempster, 34, is a native of Detroit. He came to South Haven with his wife, Katherine,

about eight years ago. They have three children.

Hawkins, 32, 809 Phillips street, has been teaching in the Covert school system for the past seven years. He is the second Negro to seek a term on the local board. Roscoe Pearson, who sought the office in 1965, was unsuccessful. Hawkins and his wife, Maris, have two children.

Shanley, 52, 751 Monroe boulevard, has been an insurance agent in South Haven for the past 29 years. He has been serving as a member of the Van Buren County Intermediate School district board for the past four years after being elected to a six-year term. He said an elected position on the local board of education would not conflict with the county job.

Shanley and his wife, Jean, have two children.

The South Haven board of education last night awarded three bids for machinery and

hired two new teachers to the school system.

Bids were awarded to Hope Equipment Co., of South Haven, for a tractor with front loader and snow blade, \$3,800; to United Motors, of Holland, for a Jeep, \$2,551; and Frank's Radiator & Glass, South Haven, for a new lawn mower, \$1,285.

Ernest Maki was hired as a new auto shop teacher and assistant football coach, beginning next fall, and Carol Anne Ottwell was hired to fill a vacancy for this year as a French and English teacher in senior high.

The resignation of Mrs. Barbara Dickinson, early elementary, was accepted.

Supt. F. O. Norlin announced that Dr. Leroy G. Augenstein, a member of the State Board of Education, will be commencement speaker here this year.

Bills totaling \$16,649.79 were approved for payment.

Will Visit
32 Towns
This WeekNew Oldsmobile
Convertibles Are
Provided By GM

One of the highlights of Blossom Week, the annual Key to the Cities Tour in which the 32 area community queens visit each community by motorcade, started early this morning.

The Queens Key to the Cities Tour has long been a favorite of area residents as each of the 32 communities is visited by Miss Blossomtime Carla Jean Scherill and her entire court.

The queens will be traveling in 15 new Oldsmobile convertibles, courtesy of Oldsmobile Division of General Motors and Kluam Olds-Cadillac Co., of Benton Harbor.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE
Today, southwestern Michigan charming queens were to visit the communities of Sodus, Eau Claire, Berrien Springs, Niles, Cassopolis, Dowagiac, Decatur and Mattawan.

A complete schedule of the rest of the Queens Key to the Cities Tour with expected arrival times in each community follows:

On Wednesday at 7:15 a.m. the queens will meet at the Downtown Restaurant in Benton Harbor for the annual Mayor's breakfast. At 8:30 they will depart from Benton Harbor arriving in Lawton at 9:45, Paw Paw at 10:20, Gobles at 11:10, Bloomingdale at 11:45, and Bangor at 12:45 p.m. where lunch will be served.

The queens will leave Bangor at 1:55 arriving in Covert at 2:30, South Haven at 3:05, and Fennville at 4, then returning to the Travel Inn Motel in Benton Harbor at 5:25. At 8 p.m. the queens will participate in the annual Queens Fashion Show at Shadowland Ballroom in St. Joseph.

On Thursday, Southwestern Michigan's fairest, will leave the Travel Inn at 7 a.m. arriving at the Elks club in downtown St. Joseph at 7:15 for that city's annual Mayor's breakfast. The queens will then leave St. Joseph at 8:30 arriving in Lawrence at 9:10, Hartford at 9:45, and Watervliet at 10:25.

The queens will then leave Watervliet at 10:50, arriving in South Bend at 11:50. While in South Bend the queens will appear on WBSB-TV (Channel 22) "Afternoon Show" at noon. Following lunch the queens will head for Edwardsburg and are expected to arrive there at 2:05, after which they'll move on to the St. Joseph for the annual Kiddies Parade at 3:30.

FRIDAY

After breakfast at the Travel Inn Motel on Friday the queens will visit Stevensville at 8:15, Baroda at 8:50; Buchanan at 9:50, Galien at 10:30, and Three Oaks at 11:20, where a stop will be made for lunch. After lunch, the communities of New Buffalo will be visited at 1:20, Sawyer at 2:10, New Troy at 2:45, Bridgman at 3:25, and Coloma at 4:20, arriving back at the Travel Inn at 5 p.m. Friday night the queens will attend the Blossomtime Concert featuring the "Four Freshmen" at Shadowland Ballroom, at 8 p.m.

All of the 32 area community queens will be staying at the Travel Inn Motel during Blossom Week.

Blast Injures
Holland Man

GRAND RAPIDS (AP) — A 20-year-old Holland man was in serious condition in a hospital here with second-degree burns received when solvent in a tank exploded today at the Paragon Die and Engineering Co.

CHAIRS, BLEACHERS

Grand Floral Parade
Seats Still Available

Reserved chairs are available for the Blossomtime Grand Floral Parade Saturday, according to Blossomtime Manager Leo Isaac.

The chairs and bleachers will be placed in three rows giving reserved ticket holders a clear, comfortable view of the three-hour parade, which is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

Tickets for \$1.50 may be purchased at the Blossomtime office, 777 Riverview Drive, Benton Harbor; the Jewel Food stores; all Farmers and Merchants Banks; the credit department of Sears, Roebuck & Co., Benton Harbor; the Merchants Credit Bureau of Benton Harbor and St. Joseph, and from any member of the Lambda Sigma Phi Fraternity of Lake Michigan College.

Rocker's Mom
Needs A Ride!Eau Claire Mother Wants
To Visit Son At MSU

EAU CLAIRE — While an Eau Claire youth began rocking in a rocking chair at Michigan State university for muscular dystrophy donations today, his mother pulled for him and for local support.

Mrs. Floyd C. Grant of West Main street, Eau Claire, also said she would appreciate a ride to the campus to encourage her son in his rocking efforts. Mrs. Grant said she doesn't drive and her husband can't leave his work in a packing company because the canning season is underway.

Phillip Grant, an MSU sophomore began rocking today outside his Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity house in East Lansing. He hopes to rock for 100 straight hours, to break the previous mark he said is 93 hours.

Meanwhile, his fraternity brothers will be asking business

men and others for donations to the muscular dystrophy association. Mrs. Grant said she hopes Eau Claire citizens also will donate.

The student said his rocker is a plain wooden one that belonged to his mother. He also said he will be fasting while he rocks. Grant said he became interested in muscular dystrophy while working with young people afflicted with the disease in a camp last June.

Mrs. Grant said she doesn't know if she can make it to the campus, but will be pulling for her son during the project.